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# **SMASHED AND STRANDED**

I've always been impatient to get on the road. On this journey, I let that get in the way of proper trip planning and risk assessment. And, while I was aware of the black ice danger on the roads, I assumed my two years of winter driving had adequately prepared me for it. Unfortunately, an unfamiliar road, an extra-heavy load and an effort to save money proved to be my downfall.



#### THE INTERSECTION . . .

There are always multiple threats facing a motorcyclist. We must be searching for the threats and their indicators, evaluating their potential, as well as our mitigation measures and escape options and executing these measures and options.



#### **EXTERNAL DISTRACTION**

We, as pilots and crewmen, are not above making mistakes, and my mindset nearly contributed to an accident. I was so confident in my PC that I failed him as a competent pilot and allowed my attention to wander by thinking, "He's got this."

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